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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

With reference to your letter of April 30, I regret to inform you that I have not been able to locate any draft or carbon copy of my letter to Director Hoover and in all probability, a carbon was not made. However, I do recall the contents of that letter. First of all, I asked where the Federal Bureau of Investigation had obtained the ammunition which was used in testing the alleged assassination weapon. I also advised that I had a letter from the Winchester-Western Company stating that the particular type of cartridge in question was never offered for commercial or sporting purposes and that I could not locate a source for it, at that time.

My letter to the F.B.I., was written because I had purchased a Model 91/38 Mannlicher-Carcano Terni rifle and I wanted to locate some of the 6.5x52mm ammunition of the type found in the Depository, for some test of my own. The only 6.5's on the market at that time were of Italian military manufacture (1934-1940) and these samples were of extremely poor quality due to defective primers. In one instance, I found that thirty-two out of fifty such rounds failed to fire and I would estimate that out of the two-hundred rounds I have fired, at least twenty-five percent failed to fire. Although I have not been able to find a scope and mount like the one on the "Oswald Rifle", I have used three similar scopes in my test. I have since concluded, that such a scope and rifle combination is incapable of giving the necessary performance to have inflicted the rear head wound at the distance at which the President was struck.

I shall write to the National Archives again as you have suggested and will send you copies of all correspondence involved. I give you my permission to make use of any letters or copies of letters with which I may have furnished you as of this time.

Sincerely,

Emory L Brown Jr.